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# HOUSE BILL NO. 505

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 168, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to national teacher certification incentives.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 168, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 168.700, to read as follows:

3 **168.700. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall, pursuant**  
4 **to this section, adopt a "National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program". This**  
5 **program shall encourage teachers to voluntarily apply for and achieve teacher certification**  
6 **by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, pursuant to this section.**  
7 **Teachers may apply for a bonus from the program pursuant to subsection 2 of this section**  
8 **and pursuant to other criteria promulgated by the department consistent with this section,**  
9 **on forms promulgated by the department for bonus applications.**

10 **2. The general assembly shall make an annual appropriation to the "National**  
11 **Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program Fund", which is hereby created in the**  
12 **state treasury for the sole purpose of funding bonuses pursuant to this section. The fund**  
13 **shall consist of moneys appropriated annually by the general assembly from general**  
14 **revenue to such fund, any moneys paid into the state treasury and required by law to be**  
15 **credited to such fund and any gifts, donations, bequests and other moneys received by the**  
16 **fund. The fund shall be kept separate and apart from all other moneys in the state**  
17 **treasury and shall be paid out by the state treasurer pursuant to chapter 33, RSMo. The**  
18 **fund shall be administered by the department. All interest and moneys earned on the fund**  
**shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to**  
**the contrary, moneys in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not be transferred to the**

19 credit of the general revenue fund.

20           **3. For any school year beginning after the achievement of the certification**  
21 **described in subsection 1 of this section, the department shall, pursuant to this section, pay**  
22 **a bonus to any teacher so certified. Any teacher seeking the bonus established pursuant**  
23 **to this subsection shall submit a copy of his or her national certification to the department.**  
24 **The bonus paid pursuant to this subsection may be paid in a lump sum at the beginning**  
25 **of the fiscal year to a school district in the amount necessary to cover all of the bonuses**  
26 **owed to teachers in the district, to be held by the district for a pro rata disbursement to be**  
27 **included in such teachers' paychecks; or such bonus may be paid to such teachers in**  
28 **whatever other manner that the department may by rule provide. The amount of the**  
29 **bonus shall be:**

30           **(1) Five thousand dollars for the first school year after the achievement of the**  
31 **certification described in subsection 1 of this section; and**

32           **(2) Two thousand five hundred dollars for every subsequent year for the life of the**  
33 **certificate.**

34           **4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate rules**  
35 **for the enforcement of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to**  
36 **this section shall take effect unless such rule has been promulgated pursuant to chapter**  
37 **536, RSMo.**